

# Exhibit A

Docket No.: 562492002620  
(PATENT)

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Patent Application of:  
William J. JONES et al.

Application No.: 09/626,699

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Filed: July 27, 2000

Art Unit: 2157

For: USE OF INTERNET WEB TECHNOLOGY TO  
REGISTER WIRELESS ACCESS  
CUSTOMERS

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Examiner: G. G. Todd

### **VERIFIED STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.181(a)**

MAIL STOP: PETITION  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

I, Denise H. Wong, the undersigned, attest that the Final Office Action, issued on April 29, 2008 for the above-referenced application, was not received.

I was first informed of the Final Office Action on November 21, 2008 by a telephone call from Examiner Gregory Todd requesting confirmation that our firm had not filed a response to the Final Office Action. Our firm is the attorney of record for the above-referenced application, and thus should receive all USPTO correspondence concerning this application.

Immediately after receiving this notification from Examiner Todd, a diligent search of the file for the above-referenced application showed that the Final Office Action was absent from the file.

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Moreover, our firm's docket records and mail logs were immediately checked, and show no indication that the Final Office Action was received.

The firm maintains a sufficiently reliable docketing system for recording, among other things, the application number, attorney docket number, the mail date of any Office action, and the due date for the response. Furthermore, the docket record for each application indicate a due date for a response to the Final Office Action at two months after the mailing date of the Final Office Action, and at every month thereafter until the six month deadline after the mailing date.

The mailing date for the Final Office Action is April 29, 2008. Thus, if our firm had received the Final Office Action, docket items for this application, identified by our internal reference number 562492002620, should have appeared at July 29, 2008, with monthly reminders until the six month deadline of October 29, 2008. A copy of our master docket record for the above-referenced application is attached hereto as Exhibit B, and show that no such items were recorded for those due dates.

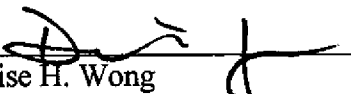
After receiving the notification of the Final Office Action from Examiner Todd, Applicants immediately began to prepare the paperwork required for this Petition. These items were completed within five business days, and were then promptly filed on December 2, 2008. Accordingly, Applicants filed this Petition well within two months from November 21, 2008, the date Applicants became aware that the application was abandoned.

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under § 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Dated: December 2, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

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